

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on January 17, 2011 at 2:50 PM, in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. John Esp (R)
Rep. Steve Gibson (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Antoine Brockman, Committee Secretary
Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 230, 1/11/2011; HB 221, 1/11/2011; HB 26, 1/11/2011;
HB 32, 1/11/2011

HEARING ON HB 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:17 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 26, Clarify the provisions of the entitlement share payment program.

[EXHIBIT\(aph12a01\)](#)

00:04:37 Rep. Belcourt entered the room. Rep. Ehli left the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:30 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

00:11:14 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County

00:11:39 Gary Matthews, Custer County

00:12:11 Ed Bartlett, Yellowstone County and the City of Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:15:26 Lee Heiman, Legislative Staff Attorney, Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:18 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:14:10 Chairman McNutt left the room.

HEARING ON HB 221

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:36 Rep. Dick Barrett (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 221, Appropriate funds to purchase food for emergency food systems.

[EXHIBIT\(aph12a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:05 Peggy Grimes, Executive Director, Montana Food Bank Network

[EXHIBIT\(aph12a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph12a04\)](#)

00:18:22 Rep. Sesso and Rep. Hollenbaugh entered room. Rep. Gibson left the room.

00:23:03 Rep. Gibson reentered the room.

00:23:24 Chris Heisel, Helena Food Share

EXHIBIT(aph12a05)

00:26:24 Rep. Caroline Squires, HD 96

00:29:41 Sarah Brown, Intern, American Association of Retired People (AARP)

EXHIBIT(aph12a06)

00:31:33 Rep. Esp left the room.

00:31:49 Jesse Oldham, Salvation Army

EXHIBIT(aph12a07)

00:32:40 Rep. Ehli reentered the room.

00:34:50 Rep. Ankney left the room.

00:36:44 Joe Roberts, Montana Human Resource Councils

00:38:49 Lorianne Burhop, Public Policy Manager, Montana Food Bank Network

EXHIBIT(aph12a08)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:42:18 Cindy Swank, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:23 Rep. Beck

00:47:06 Ms Grimes

00:48:37 Rep. Beck

00:48:57 Rep. Cook

00:51:11 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:52:11 Chris Heisel, Helena Food Share

00:52:39 Rep. Cuffe

00:53:22 Rep. Barrett

00:53:29 Ms Grimes

00:54:59 Rep. Cuffe

00:55:20 Rep. Hollenbaugh left the room.

00:56:02 Rep. Esp reentered the room.

00:56:42 Rep. Cuffe

00:56:55 Rep. Hollenbaugh reentered room.

00:58:00 Rep. Sesso

00:58:39 Ms Grimes

00:59:53 Rep. Sesso

01:00:13 Ms Grimes

01:01:54 Rep. Edmunds

01:03:05 Ms Grimes

01:03:18 Rep. Gibson left the room.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:15 Rep. Barrett

01:05:47 Rep. Gibson reentered the room.
01:11:05 Brief recess
01:19:23 Back in session

HEARING ON HB 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:19:25 Rep. Ken Peterson (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 32, Revise laws regarding general appropriations bills.

01:21:27 Rep. Gibson entered the room.
01:22:45 Rep. Osmundson entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:26:34 Eric Burke, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Informational Testimony:

01:25:50 Amy Sassano, Deputy Director, Governor's Budget Office
01:25:56 Terry Johnson, Principle Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:26:21 Rep. Burnett
01:28:00 Rep. Beck
01:29:12 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:29:48 Mr. Johnson, LFD
01:30:31 Chairman McNutt
01:31:38 Rep. Peterson
01:31:51 Chairman McNutt
01:32:16 Rep. Hollenbaugh left the room.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:34:11 Rep. Peterson

01:35:55 Chairman McNutt
01:37:52 Jon Moe, Expenditure Policy Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:43:27 Rep. Sesso reentered the room.
01:46:36 Chairman McNutt
01:47:18 Rep. Sesso
01:47:26 Mr. Johnson
01:48:28 Rep. Sesso
01:48:37 Mr. Johnson
01:49:14 Rep. Sesso

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01:56:00	Chairman McNutt
01:57:40	Rep. Cuffe
01:58:42	Chairman McNutt
02:00:32	Rep. Hollandsworth
02:01:01	Rep. Esp
02:02:15	Chairman McNutt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:02:26

Antoine Brockman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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